

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace lines 15 to 20 on page 6 of the Substitute Specification with the following paragraph:

The grids 13 conventionally comprise sets of intersecting plates 15 which together delimit cells which are centered on the nodes of the regular network. Most of the cells are intended to receive a fuel rod 3. 24 cells each receive a guide tube 11 and the central cell receives the instrumentation tube 14.